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IN SENATE, MARCH 30, 1846.

THE OREGON QUESTION.

The following resolution, offered some days ago by Mr. J. M. Clayton, coming up in its order, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate copies of any correspondence that may have taken place between the authorities of the United States and those of Great Britain since the last document transmitted to Congress, in relation to the subject of the Oregon territory, or so much thereof as may be communicated without detriment to the public interest"—

Mr. WEBSTER rose and said: I shall advise my honorable friend, the member from Delaware, to forbear from pressing this resolution for a few days.

There is no doubt that there are letters from Mr. M'Lane; but, as the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations opposes this motion, I am to presume that the Executive Government finds it inconvenient to communicate those letters to the Senate, at the present moment.

Yet, it is obvious, that as the Senate is called on to perform a legislative act, it ought, before the hour of its decision comes, to be put in possession of every thing likely to influence its judgment; otherwise, it would be required to perform high legislative functions on mere confidence. There is certainly some embarrassment in the case. If the Executive Government deems the communication of the correspondence inconvenient, it can only be because negotiation is still going on, or, if suspended, is expected to be resumed. So far as negotiation is concerned, the communication, or publication, of the correspondence, may very properly be thought inconvenient. But, then, the President has recommended the passage of a law, or resolution, by the two Houses of Congress. In support of this recommendation, he himself sent us, unasked, at the commencement of the session, the correspondence up to that time. Now, if that was necessary, the rest is necessary. If we are entitled to a part, we are entitled to the whole.

In my opinion, the mistake was in calling on Congress to authorise notice to England of the discontinuance of what has been called the joint occupation until negotiation had been exhausted. Negotiation should have been tried first, and when that had failed, and finally failed, then, and not till then, should Congress have been called upon.

I now go on the ground, of course, that the notice for discontinuing the joint occupancy is properly to be given by authority of Congress; a point which I do not now discuss.

It is said, indeed, that notice is to be used as a weapon, or an instrument, in negotiation. I hardly understand this. It is a metaphor of not very obvious application. A weapon seems to imply, not a facility, or mere ease, but the means either of defence against attack, or of making an attack. It sounds not altogether friendly and pacific. I doubt exceedingly whether, under present circumstances, notice would hasten negotiation; and yet such are those circumstances that there may be as much inconvenience in standing still as in going forward.

The truth is, that great embarrassment arises from the extreme pretensions and opinions put forward by the President, in his message last December. But for those, notice would have been harmless, and perhaps would have been authorised by both Houses without much opposition, and received by England without dissatisfaction. But the recommendation of the notice, coupled with the President's repeated declarations that he held our title to the whole of the territory to be "clear and unquestionable," alarmed the country. And well it might. And if notice were required, in order to enable the President to push these extreme claims to any and every result, the notice ought to be refused by Congress, unless Congress is ready to support those pretensions at all hazards. Here lies the difficulty. Congress is not prepared, and the country is not prepared, as I believe, to make the President's opinion of a clear and unquestionable right to the whole territory an ultimatum. If he wants notice for such a purpose, he certainly must see that it becomes a grave question whether Congress will grant it.

It was a great, a very great mistake, to accompany the recommendation of notice with so positive an assertion of our right to the whole territory. Did the President mean to adhere to that, even to the extremity of war? If so, he should have known that, after what has happened in years past, the country was not likely to sustain him. Did he mean to say this, and afterwards recede from it? If so, why say it at all? Surely the President could not be guilty of playing so small a part, as to endeavor to show him-self to possess spirit, and boldness, and fearlessness of England, more than his predecessors, or his countrymen, and yet do all this in the confident hope that no serious collision would arise between the two countries.—So low an ambition, such paltry motives, ought not to be imputed. When the President declared that, in his judgment, our title to the whole of Oregon was "clear and unquestionable," did he mean to express an official or a mere personal opinion? If the latter, it certainly had no place in an official communication. If the former—if he intended a solemn official opinion, upon which he was resolved to act officially, then it is a very grave question how far he is justified, without new lights, or any change of circumstances, to place the claims of this country, in this respect, on other grounds than those on which they stood under his predecessors, and with the concurrence of all branches of the Government, for so many years; for it is not to be doubted that the United States Government has admitted, through a long series of years, that England has rights in the Northwestern parts of this continent which are entitled to be respected.

Mr. President, one who has observed attentively what has transpired here and in England, within the last three months, must, I think, perceive that public opinion, in both countries, is coming to a conclusion that this controversy ought to be settled; and is not very diverse, in the one country and the other, as to the general basis of such settlement. That basis is the offer made by the United States to England in 1826.

There is no room to doubt, I think, that this country is ready to stand by that offer, substantially and in effect. Such is my opinion at least, and circumstances certainly indicate that Great Britain would not, in all probability would not, regard such a proposition as unfit to be considered. I said, some weeks ago, that I did not intend to discuss titles at length, and certainly not to adduce arguments against our own claim. But it appears to me that there is a concurrence of arguments, or considerations, in favor of regarding the 49th parallel as the just line of demarcation, which both countries might well respect. It has, for many years, been the extent of our claim. We have claimed up to 49°, and nothing beyond it. We have offered to yield every thing north of it. It is the boundary between the two countries on this side the Rocky Mountains, and has been since the purchase of Louisiana from France.

I do not think it important either to prove or disprove the fact, that commissioners under the treaty of Utrecht established the 49th parallel as the boundary between the English and the French possessions in America. Ancient maps and descriptions so represent it; some saying that this line of boundary is to run "indefinitely west," others saying, in terms, that it extends "to the northwestern ocean." But, what is more important, we have considered this boundary as established by the treaty of Utrecht, at least on this side of the Rocky Mountains. It was on the strength of this that we drove back the British pretensions, after we had obtained Louisiana, north, from the head-waters of the Mississippi to this parallel of 49°.

This is indubitable. We have acted, therefore, and induced others to act, on the idea that this boundary was actually established. It now so stands in the treaty between the United States and England. It, on the general notion of *contiguity*, or *continuity*, this line be continued "indefinitely west," or is allowed to run to the "northwestern ocean," then it leaves on our side the valley of the Columbia, to which, in my judgment, our title is maintainable on the ground of Gray's discovery.

The Government of the United States has never offered any line south of forty-nine, with the navigation of the Columbia, and it never will. It believes all concerned to regard this as a settled point. As to the navigation of the Columbia, permanently or for a term of years, that is all matter for just, reasonable, and friendly negotiation. But the 49th parallel must be regarded as the general line of boundary, and not to be departed from for any line further south. As to all straits, and sounds, and islands, in the neighboring seas, all these are fair subjects for treaty stipulation. If the general basis be agreed to, all the rest, it may be presumed, may be accomplished by the exercise of a spirit of fairness and amity.

And now, Mr. President, if this be so, why should this settlement be longer delayed? Why should either Government hold back longer from doing that which both, I think, can see must be done, if they would avoid a rupture? Every hour's delay is injurious to the interests of both countries. It agitates both, disturbs their business, and impedes their intercourse, and may, in time, seriously affect that friendly and respectful feeling towards each other, which we have established, and which we desire to cherish.

Having said this, Mr. President, it would be needless for me, even if it were proper, to add more. I have expressed my own opinions plainly and without disguise. I think I see clearly where this business must end, if it is to end without serious collision; and I earnestly hope that those in whose hands power is, on both sides, will exercise that power promptly, in removing the great cause prolonged on both sides by the jealousy of time immemorial, disturbing, and dangerous controversy.

It is not a case in which either Government should stand on matters of form or etiquette. The interests at stake are too important for that. It is not humiliation, it is not condescension even, for either Government to signify to the other its readiness to do at once what it sees must be done ultimately. Time far, the dispute does not touch the honor of either Government. Let, then, the propitious moment be seized by each, at the first day, and prudence rule the hour; and let these two great nations be restored to the full enjoyment of the most friendly, and harmonious intercourse.

Mr. ALLEN said that the Senator from Massachusetts having expressed it as his opinion that the resolution calling for certain information from the Executive should for the present be suffered to lie on the table; which suggestion, he presumed, would be complied with, it became unnecessary for him to enter upon the discussion of the resolution.

It is true constitutionally, (said Mr. A.) and true in regard to our intercourse with each other here, that all the members of the Senate are on a strict equality with each other; but it is also true that the long experience of some Senators in the public business of the country, and the place they have acquired in the judgment of the country, make what they say here on a great national question of much more importance than it would be if it fell from some others. The Senator from Massachusetts has taken his position this morning for the first time, on this great Oregon question. And not only has he done this, but he has also taken extraordinary precaution against the possibility of having his position mistaken—a precaution growing by no means out of any want of capacity to address the Senate without such full and accurate notes of what he is about to say. There is a solemnity in the form with which his opinions have been announced to-day, which, connected with the known character, ability, and influence of that distinguished Senator, makes the declaration one of great importance.

There are three points stated by him. The first is, that, in his judgment, the President of the United States has committed a mistake on the Oregon question; that he has made mistakes of several descriptions; but mainly, in having asserted the clearness of the American title to the whole of the territory up to the Russian line, and in the fact that he did this in the same message in which he recommended the termination of the convention of joint occupation. The Senator thinks that, by announcing that title in immediate connexion with such a recommendation, the President has embarrassed the Oregon question; and that therefore, whatever may be the results of the action of Congress upon the question, all the difficulties which may ensue are to be traced back to this error of the President in his message.

Now this is the first occasion—the very first, that I have heard, on the floor of the Senate, any blame cast on the President by any Senator, who, like the Senator from Massachusetts, has no difficulty in comprehending the meaning and intention of the message. Other Senators have said that on the message means this, I am against it;" and "on it means that, I disagree with it." But the Senator from Massachusetts has no doubt as to what it means, and, under that clear comprehension of the document, he ascribes error to the President, and makes him responsible for all consequences. That is the first point made by the Senator.

But there is another point (and a very important one it is) which he has also made on this occasion; and that is, that in the judgment of the greatly experienced and very enlightened Senator, public opinion, both in the United States and in Great Britain, is concentrating on a fixed mode of adjusting the existing difference; and that is, by assuming as a basis—not the line of 49—both latitude—but the proposition offered by us to Great Britain in 1826, which went south of that, for all purposes of national advantage, to the navigation of the Columbia river.

This is the first announcement in this Senate, this session, of a disposition in any individual whatever, (though I have seen something of the sort in the papers for the last three days, or even of the possibility, under any conceivable human circumstances, to yield up to Great Britain the navigation of the Columbia river. That is the point on which I wish to fix the attention of the Senate. Public opinion in the two nations, according to the Senator from Massachusetts, is converging to the point of a negotiation on the basis of the proposition made by us in 1826.

This strange fact, then, presents itself before us; we, who started out at the commencement of the session with claiming the whole of Oregon up to 54 40, at the end of three months began to tremble on the parallel of 49, and, at the end of three weeks more, are ready to fall back south even of that. The Senate has been receding every hour, until, according to all the rules of legislative progression, we shall in a short time more be prepared to surrender the whole territory to get clear of a war.

All this convinces me, not of the President's having made a great error, but of his great patriotism and judgment in laying his claim at once commensurately with the extent of our title.

This whole debate has gone on the assumption, without reason or facts to support it; has proceeded on the false assumption that Great Britain has a just right to a part of Oregon, and that she will sacrifice no part of her rights, but on the contrary will certainly fight for them. I believe that if Congress had in the first week of its session passed the resolution of notice, and had then gone on to the resolution of notice, and had then gone on to the resolution of notice, and had then gone on to the country would have been settled ere this, without the shedding of a drop of blood or the loss of an acre of Oregon. But, after the world had seen that the Senate faltered, even after a vote by the House of three to one, and after it has seen a distinguished Senator at the end of three months introduce a proposition to fall back on the Columbia river, what is likely to be course of Great Britain? Ours seems to invite her to claim the whole; yes, to claim the whole. Every inch we recede multiplies the chances of a fight by Great Britain.—Every body must see this. When England sees hesitation in this body; when she sees divided counsels here; when she sees the President ensured for the manner in which he has conducted this affair; when she sees three months wasted; when she sees the arm of the Government paralyzed; when she sees all this, she will not hesitate as to her course.

But the Senator laid down another proposition, and that is, that to give time for public opinion in the two nations to settle down on the proposition of the Columbia river as a boundary, the Senate ought, in his judgment, to drop this resolution of notice for a month; that we ought to postpone its further consideration at present altogether. Postpone it! and for what? Until another steamer shall arrive to inform us whether Queen Victoria is pouting at us, whether the British Government is pleased or offended at what we are doing here.

This is a species of national humiliation to which, with my vote, this Senate never shall submit. It is time we spoke and acted like men conscious of being the representatives of a Government determined to assert its own rights, whether other Governments are pleased or displeased at such assertion.

On these points I would fix the attention of the State and of the country, because they have been made by the Senator with extraordinary solemnity, and with the utmost possible precaution as to each word and syllable he utters. All this impresses me with the conviction that we are to have more difficulty growing out of this question. If there is a war, the cause of it will be found in the Senate of the United States; in its hesitating course, in its divided counsels, in its unwillingness to sustain the rights of the country by the force of the country. But I will not now trespass on the time of the Senate by entering further into a discussion of the subject. And presuming that the suggestion of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Webster) will meet the acquiescence of the Senator from Delaware, Mr. Clayton, I will move that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of the orders of the day.

Mr. A withdrew the motion at the request of—

Mr. WEBSTER, who said: It is very true that I expressed, with premeditated precision, my sentiments on this question. It is an important question; it has respect to the interests of two nation—and that in a considerable exigency between them. It is important, under such circumstances, to be precise; and I may perhaps be permitted to say that I do not think it would be very far out of the way if some other gentlemen would adopt a little of the like care to make their language on a great national question like this somewhat correct and accurate.

The gentleman sees fit to consider that this proceeding will be regarded as a national humiliation. I rather fancy not. I question whether the effect will not be directly opposite; and, if any consequence in Great Britain, whether high or low stations, shall wear either a pout or a sneer, the people, who feel it is not more likely to be originated by what has passed on the other side of the chamber than on this.

But one word on a matter more important. The gentleman says that I have offered as a boundary the river Columbia. Pray, let me be understood. Such a misapprehension of my words and my meaning, as his answer seems to me, that I was not very far out when I took the precaution of reducing what I intended to say to writing. What I said was, and I presumed not to dictate to the Senate, or to speak as *ex cathedra* that in my judgment public opinion in both countries tended to a union on the general basis of the proposal made by this Government to that of Eng and in 1827. And I now ask the gentleman from Ohio whether he does not think so himself. Mr. ALLEN expressed dissent. Well, then, does not he think that *in the* country public opinion is in favor of taking as a basis of settlement the parallel of 49°?

Mr. ALLEN, in reply, said: I have no idea that public opinion in this country has fixed or will fix on any line south of the Russian boundary. A general impression that the public mind, on both nations, is in favor of the proposition of 1826, will be considered as amounting to this, that we are willing to give up the navigation of the Columbia river.

Mr. WEBSTER resumed. Well, it my opinion is so very far wrong, if it is so wide from the truth as all that, why, of course, it will go for nothing. In relation to what the gentleman last said, I beg leave to state that what I said, with cautious care, was, that public opinion was settling on the line of 49 as a *general basis* of agreement. I did not say the precise basis of all that was offered in 1826, because I immediately added that, taking the parallel of 49 as a *general basis*, that then the navigation of the Columbia, either permanently or for a term of years, and that of the straits and sounds and islands on the coast, might all be made a matter of friendly negotiation. I did not recommend that we should decide either one way or the other as to the use of the Columbia river. Not at all. What I meant, and what I said, was, that if 49 should be agreed on as a *general basis*, I was satisfied to negotiate about all the rest. But the gentleman from Ohio and the Senate will do me the justice to allow that I said, as plainly as I could speak or put down words in writing, that England must not attempt any thing so unfortunate as to *fight for degrees*. I said so in so many words.

If, in my opinion—I may be mistaken—but to me it is as clear as the sun at noonday that the strong tendency of public opinion is, that we ought to stand by our own offer made in 1826, in substance, in effect. And was not that the doctrine put forth by the honorable Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Calhoun) the other day? And has it not been proved that that has always been the extent of our claim? I think there are reasons why it should be.

But I rose only to explain. I am of opinion that this question must be settled, and settled shortly, on the parallel of 49. As to the navigation of the Columbia, and the straits, and sounds, and islands—all that is a fit subject for negotiation. But England is not to expect any thing south of that boundary. And I am persuaded that the People of the United States—a great majority of them—are content now to abide by what their Government offered to Great Britain in 1826.

Mr. J. M. CLAYTON said that the motive which induced him to offer the resolution was no desire to embarrass the Administration; he never had sought to do so, nor did he now; but he thought that there might be Senators on that floor who desired to obtain the information asked for by the resolution, with a view to the regulation of their own course. He had supposed that the information, when obtained, would necessarily be pacific; and he thought now that if it were obtained, it would be favorable toward a vote in favor of the notice proposed. As to his own individual vote, it would neither be regulated, nor at all affected by it. He had long since made up and openly expressed the opinion that the notice ought to be given. He thought so still. He thought notice ought to be given, no matter what might be the state of the negotiation. He thought so because the negotiations of 1827 and the continuance of the convention which followed them so bound us that during its continuance it was impossible for us ever to get a clear and perfect title to any portion of the territory. In regard, indeed, to the settlement of the territory, we have greatly the advantage of England; we can send a hundred emigrants into Oregon where she can send one; but while the territory is thus filling up with our people, we are getting no title by that process, so long as the convention continues; because under that instrument the possession of one is the possession of both; so that we cannot possibly acquire any exclusive title. As an American, therefore, I am anxious to put an end to the treaty. I agree with the Senator from Georgia near me (Mr. Berrien) that so long as it continues, we are getting only a right to acquire title, but never can perfect it. If I were an Englishman, I should be anxious that the convention should be continued; but, as an American, I am anxious that it should be ended.

No matter, then, what may be the information obtained in reply to the resolution I have offered, I feel bound to vote for the notice; and I prefer it in the form suggested by the Senator from Maryland, (Mr Johnson,) which is but a slight modification of that previously offered by the Senator from Kentucky. (Mr. Crittenden.)

One word to the Senator from Ohio, (Mr. Allen.) That gentleman has charged the Senate with having embarrassed the Executive by refusing to comply with his recommendation.

Mr. ALLEN. I said "embarrassed the Oregon question."

Mr. CLAYTON. Well, the Oregon question. But how so? There have been no party divisions here: nothing like it. All know that there are quite as many gentlemen in favor of notice on this side of the chamber as on the other. How, then, have we "embarrassed the question?"—Not surely because we have not in hot haste passed the resolution which came to us from the House of Representatives.—If he thinks that that is embarrassing the question, then we have embarrassed it; but in no other way. The Senate has been engaged in the constant discussion of the recommendation of the Executive for many weeks; it has been discussed with calmness and diligent and respectful consideration. There is no disposition, that I have been able to discover, on either side of the Senate, to embarrass this question on the contrary, there is a settled determination to pass the notice recommended to us in the very shape in which it will be most respectful to the Executive. The resolution offered by the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Johnson) is much more respectful to the President than that received from the House of Representatives. The latter directs, orders, the President to give this notice; but such is not the mode which has been customary when Congress addresses the President of the United States. A co-ordinate branch of the Government should ever be treated with the highest official respect. The resolution of my friend from Maryland avoids this indecorum.

I will not, however, longer protract this discussion. I am content that the resolution I have offered should be informally passed over.

I suppose that it would be more acceptable to the President at present that the call should not be pressed. But I think, with my friend from Massachusetts, Mr. Webster, that, before our final vote on this subject, Senators who may wish to possess this information to guide their course here are entitled to have it. I am not one. I shall not be governed by it; but other gentlemen may; and I therefore prefer that the resolution, though now laid aside, should be adopted before we take final action in the case.

The resolution was thereupon passed over informally for the present.

MR. BENTON'S SPEECH.

IN SENATE, APRIL 1.

Mr. BENTON said he did not rise to make any speech, but merely to vindicate history, and the intelligence of the Senate, from an error into which the Senator from Michigan, not now in his seat, (Mr. Cass,) had fallen yesterday, in relying on Mr. Greenhow's book on Oregon. That book maintained that the commissaries had never acted under the treaty of Utrecht; had never established the limits between the British and French possessions in North America; had done nothing on the subject. And the Senator from Michigan, holding Mr. Greenhow to be right, had adopted his opinion, and laid so much stress upon the fact of the action of these commissaries, as to make his future conduct upon the Oregon question dependant upon it. If Mr. Greenhow was wrong, and the commissaries had acted and established the parallel of 49°, and this fact was proved, he (Mr. B.) understood the Senator from Michigan to say that he would give up the Russian limit of 54° 40', and never say any thing more about Oregon north of 49°. This is a penalty which Mr. B would not have instituted: it was giving to the line of the treaty of Utrecht a consequence and importance which he would not have attributed to it. But the Senator from Michigan had judged for himself, and judged deliberately, for his speech was well prepared, and it was his own act to make his future conduct dependant upon the correctness of Mr. Greenhow's opinion, which he had quoted and adopted. Mr. B. would show, by the highest evidence, that the commissaries did act; that they did establish the limits between France and Great Britain in North America; and that the 49th parallel was one of the lines established; and, having shown this, he would make no argument upon it, would make no application of the fact, but content himself with vindicating history at an essential point, and leave it to the Senator from Michigan to give it the influence upon his own conduct which he should think proper.

Mr. B then made a statement introductory to the proofs which he meant to introduce, and showing how the treaty of Utrecht had become applicable to this question of boundary between the United States and Great Britain. It grew out of the purchase of Louisiana, and was coeval with that purchase. It was known to every body that the northwestern corner of the United States could not be closed, because there was an impossible call in the treaty of 1783. It called for a due west course from the Lake of the Woods to the Mississippi, when such course would never strike the Mississippi—the lake being north of the head of that river. Upon the supposition that the line due west from the lake would strike the river, the right to its free navigation was granted to the British by the treaty of peace; but, on finding that the line would not strike the river, the struggle began between the two countries—on the part of the British to deflect the line, to turn it down southwest, and thus get to the river, and with this arrival upon that stream come to the enjoyment of its navigation. The struggle on the part of the United States was to prevent this consequence—to close the line without yielding the navigation; and this contest had continued twenty years, when a treaty was signed in London to terminate this contest. It was in the year 1803, Mr. Jefferson being President, and Mr. Rufus King Minister in London; for, in those days, Ministers were not so rapidly changed upon a change of Administration as has sometimes since occurred.

The fifth article of the treaty then signed deflected the line so as to reach the Mississippi on the shortest course; and this was done in conformity to instructions from the Government of the United States. This treaty was signed in the spring of 1803; and it so happened that about the same time—namely, twelve days before the signature of the treaty in London—the treaty, without the knowledge of Mr. King, for the sale of Louisiana to the United States, was signed. The two treaties arrived in the United States together, and Mr. Jefferson immediately saw the advantage which the Louisiana treaty gave him in cutting off forever the British, both from the navigation of the Mississippi and from the whole valley of that river. The most accomplished diplomatist in America—perhaps equal to any in Europe—he saw at once that the acquisition of Louisiana put us in the shoes of the French in all their treaties applicable to that province; that it especially made us a party to the treaty of Utrecht; gave us the benefit of the line 49, established under that treaty; and he immediately determined to recommend to the Senate the rejection of the fifth article of the treaty signed at London, and to rely afterwards upon the Utrecht treaty as a matter of *right* to force the British out of the valley of the Mississippi. The Senate concurred with him. They rejected the fifth article of the treaty; and then the double duty presented itself to be performed at London.

The rejection of the article of the treaty was to be justified; the treaty of Utrecht was to be plead against the British, to put an end to their darling desire to obtain the navigation of the Mississippi. The first was a delicate duty. The non-ratification of a treaty, concluded under instructions, except for good cause, is, by the law of nations, an injury to the adverse Power, implying a breach of faith but little short of the enormity of violating the same treaty after its ratification. To show this good cause—to justify ourselves for a seeming breach of faith—was the immediate care of Mr. Jefferson; and immediately after the Senate had acted upon the two treaties, namely, on the 14th of February, 1804, Mr. Madison, Secretary of State, wrote to Mr. Monroe (Mr. King having asked leave to return when he had concluded his treaty) to bring this delicate business before the British Government, and satisfy them at once upon the point of the non-ratification of the fifth article. The treaty of Utrecht furnished the justification, and Mr. Monroe was instructed to urge it accordingly.

[Mr. Benton here produced his authorities, which consisted of declarations of Mr. Madison and Mr. Monroe, to Lord Harrowby, the British Secretary of State, and the admissions of Lord H. and the British administration. He closed this branch of his speech with an extract from Mr. Jefferson's instructions, through Mr. Madison, to Mr. Monroe, to endeavor to fix the line at the 49th parallel of North latitude, *to the Pacific Ocean*.]

This, Mr. President, was Mr. Jefferson's opinion of the line of 49°—for it throughout—in its whole extent, "*indefinitely*," as settled under the treaty of Utrecht; and not only for it, but earnestly and pressingly so. He was for cutting off the proviso, and letting the line run through to the ocean! And who and what was Mr. Jefferson, in relation to this Oregon river, the title to which was to have been settled by this line? He was, we might say, its very discoverer; for, long before the time of Lewis and Clarke, and even before that of Gray, when in another part of the world—when the United States Minister to France under the Confederation—his philosophic mind told him the lofty ridge of the Rocky Mountains, penetrating the region of eternal snow, and traversing the country north and south, must turn waters each way—to the west as well as to the east—and send a river to the Pacific ocean as well as to the Gulf of Mexico: his philosophic mind saw this, and his practical genius proposed the realization of his vision. The young and intrepid traveller, Ledyard, was then in Paris, on his way to commence that African expedition in which he so unfortunately lost his life. Mr. Jefferson proposed to him to relinquish that design—to betake himself to a new theatre—to the new world, and to the western slope of the North American continent. He proposed to him to proceed to St. Petersburg, furnished with the proper letters to obtain the permission and the protection of the Russian Government to proceed overland to Kamschatka—cross the sea at Behring's straits—follow the coast down until he came to the great river which must be there—then follow it up to its source in the Rocky Mountains—and, crossing over, come down the Missouri. This is what Mr. Jefferson proposed to Mr. Ledyard some sixty years ago; twenty years afterwards, and when President of the United States, he carried his idea into effect through the expedition of Lewis and Clarke. Their expedition was the execution of the object proposed to Ledyard; and nobly did they execute it. Their return route was particularly valuable. They discovered the route on the return voyage which will be the commercial route between us and Asia. The year after their return, a Mr. Henry, of Missouri, discovered the South Pass, and through it the overland line of travel will forever be; but the return route of Lewis and Clarke will be the route of commerce. It press nits but two hundred and ten miles of land carriage between the Great Falls of the Missouri and the Upper Falls of the Columbia, passing the mountains through a low gap and a fertile country, long marked by a large Indian and buffalo road.

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The effect of this change in the Senator's position must be great. On the Grecian head, of whom he is the Agamemnon, it must have a most diminishing effect. That head for some months has been sitting for the picture which the poet drew of our grandmothers in the time of long-waisted gowns and tight stays—

"Small by degrees and beautifully less."

But now the sudden deduction of so much weight and strength, in the person of their chief, must leave them almost nothing. On the future conduct of the campaign it must have a decisive effect, for the Ajaxes of this expedition, both big and little, must renounce it when their great chief has imposed the penalty of silence and inaction on himself. On the country it must have a fine effect, for the alarms of war will suddenly cease. On the Treasury the effect will be delightful. The twenty-one millions *extra* for the armament of the navy, and the eight or nine millions *extra* for the army, will cease to be wanted. The Military and Naval Committees, if not wise, have at least been lucky. They delayed to report bills for these thirty millions, and to-day they become unnecessary. Inactivity, in them, if not masterly, has at least been profitable; it has saved thirty millions of extra taxes, or loans, to the people.

But I conclude. I have made no speech upon Oregon, and will make none at this time. And here I will answer publicly a question which is often put to me privately, "*Why don't you speak?*" Answer: I profess to be a friend to this Administration, and mean to keep myself in a position to act according to my professions. I do not mean to run ahead of the Administration in its appropriate sphere. I do not mean to take negotiation out of its hands. I do not mean to undertake to lead it, or drive it, to come in conflict with it, or to denounce it, with or without hypotheses, or before or after the fact. The President's position is arduous; his responsibilities to his God and his country are non-proposed to him to relinquish that design—to betake himself to a new theatre—to the new world, and to the western slope of the North American continent. He proposed to him to proceed to St. Petersburg, furnished with the proper letters to obtain the permission and the protection of the Russian Government to proceed overland to Kamschatka—cross the sea at Behring's straits—follow the coast down until he came to the great river which must be there—then follow it up to its source in the Rocky Mountains—and, crossing over, come down the Missouri. This is what Mr. Jefferson proposed to Mr. Ledyard some sixty years ago; twenty years afterwards, and when President of the United States, he carried his idea into effect through the expedition of Lewis and Clarke. Their expedition was the execution of the object proposed to Ledyard; and nobly did they execute it. Their return route was particularly valuable. They discovered the route on the return voyage which will be the commercial route between us and Asia. The year after their return, a Mr. Henry, of Missouri, discovered the South Pass, and through it the overland line of travel will forever be; but the return route of Lewis and Clarke will be the route of commerce. It press nits but two hundred and ten miles of land carriage between the Great Falls of the Missouri and the Upper Falls of the Columbia, passing the mountains through a low gap and a fertile country, long marked by a large Indian and buffalo road.

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FOREIGN.

ONE DAY LATER FROM ENGLAND.—The Yorkshire, at New York, has brought Liverpool dates to the 5th March.

The Oregon notice resolutions, which passed the House of Representatives, had arrived in England, and produced some anxiety, causing a fall of the English and French funds. Great anxiety is expressed in London, to know whether that Government will follow up the "notice" by an immediate hostile demonstration; or whether they will wait the expiration of the 12 months. The Times says,—

From observations that have dropped from Sir Robert Peel, it is erroneously inferred that, in however courteous a manner this notice might be conveyed, it would be immediately resented; and therefore the feeling which the news has produced was, on the whole, a very uneasy one.

The cotton market had improved slightly—an 3d. per lb. advance.

The Steamer is not yet in.

FIFTEEN DAYS LATER FROM MEXICO.

The brig Oceana arrived at New Orleans on Monday from Vera Cruz, whence she sailed on the 15th inst., with dates from Mexico to the 10th.

Mr. Slidell was still at Jalapa, from which place he addressed a letter to the Mexican Government, in order to inquire whether he should be admitted or not as Minister. *La Hesperia* says that a long debate had taken place at the Council, the result of which was not known but the *Republicano* of the 10th says that by a source which can be relied upon, the editors have received information that Mr. Slidell *will not be admitted* as Minister of the United States, and that Mexico will not enter into any arrangement about the Texas question unless it is agreed to settle the boundary at the Sabine.

The Mexicans were somewhat alarmed at the arrival of so many American vessels of war at their ports.

By a passenger arrived on board the Oceana we learn that at last accounts received in Vera Cruz on the 15th inst., Mr. Slidell was daily expected at that port, as he had intimated to the authorities that he must be recognized immediately or he would leave the country. Report says that Mr. S. has named eight days as his ultimatum to the Mexican Government.

THE NATIONAL FAIR.

CIRCULAR

Of the Committee of Superintendence of the National Exhibition of American Manufactures and products of Mechanical Art,

AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, IN MAY NEXT.

Many pers as friendly to the permanency of the present protective system, and others, who, without being committed to its support, come into action in reference to its effects, have suggested the expediance of procuring an exhibition of American Manufacturing and Mechanical Products to be made at the seat of Government at as early a period, during the present Spring, as the opportunities for accomplishing such a project might allow. It is believed, that an exhibition, embracing specimens of every kind of handicraft or manufacture of skill employed in the nation, or at least a small selection as may be conveniently procured on the occasion, together with the prices at which they may be purchased, and the names of those by whom they are fabricated, would evidently, in an impressive point, a mass of useful facts which could not fail to be appreciated as they deserve by our public authorities upon whom rests the responsibility of sustaining the prosperity of the great interests connected with this subject; and that such a selection from the daily transactions of the year, authenticated by the personal examinations of all who may come to inspect them, would furnish unanswerable arguments in favor of that industry which so greatly honors as well as enriches the mechanics of America.

A recommendation of a similar exhibition by the National Institute two years ago met with a high degree of favor from the public at that period; and the success of such an effort now may, it is hoped, lead to its regular adoption hereafter, as a means of presenting at suitable intervals a visible demonstration of the advance of the country in those arts upon which its prosperity so greatly depends.

At a committee recently held by many members of the present Congress—gentlemen of both political parties—the proposition of inviting such an exhibition as we have referred to was considered and adopted, as an enterprise of eminent utility at this time, and with a confidence that it would find a hearty assent from the friends of national industry throughout the whole Union. To give efficacy to this proposition they have nominated the undersigned as a general committee of superintendence, and have charged them with the duty of presenting the subject to the country at large, of inviting the aid of the friends of national industry to the scheme, and of making such preparations as may be necessary to render the exhibition as full and as effective as the time allowed will permit.

Thus summoned to this labor from a source so amply entitled to the respect and confidence of the nation, and fully concurring in the importance attached to the subject, the undersigned have not hesitated to comply with the wishes of those by whom they have been put in requisition, and promptly to enter upon the duties assigned to them. In the performance of these duties they invoke the earnest co-operation of all who may have any thing to contribute to the proposed exhibition, hoping that this invitation will be answered in such a manner as shall enable the committee to present such a display of the work of our artisans as shall adequately attest the great skill and perfection to which our country has attained in manufacturing and mechanical art.

The committee propose that the exhibition shall be opened at Washington on the 20th day of May next, previous to which date ample provision will be made for the reception, security, and suitable disposition of all specimens which may be sent to their care.

They invite the transmission of specimens of every kind of manufacture and handicraft known to the artisans of the United States, and desire that the price, as well as the maker's name, be furnished with each article intended for exhibition. Committees will be appointed for the superintendence and arrangement and preservation of all parcels sent to the exhibition rooms.

The rooms will be ready to receive articles for exhibition from and after the 1st day of May.—The exhibition will be kept open not less than two weeks.

Owners of parcels exhibited during the exhibition will, unless directions to the contrary be given, be expected to allow the sale of such parcels at the prices marked, to be delivered at the close of the exhibition.

All goods intended for exhibition can be directed to Mr. David A. Hall, secretary of the committee, who will see to their safe-keeping, and attend to their being repacked after the close of the exhibition.

In case of a sale of them, the money will be duly transmitted.

As there will be many goods undisposed of which the proprietors may not desire to have returned, and prefer to have sold for their benefit, the committee will cause a sale at auction of such articles as the owners may desire to have so disposed of.

Motive power will be furnished at the exhibition rooms for such machinery as may require it.

As the committee can only give this general invitation to the manufacturers and artisans of the country, each one will be pleased to consider it addressed to himself individually.

Editors of papers throughout the country friendly to the object are respectfully requested to give this circular a few insertions.

WILLIAM W. SEATON,	Washington.	
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MARCH 28, 1846.

OBSERVER.

FAYETTEVILLE:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 7, 1846.

FOR GOVERNOR,

WILLIAM A. GRAHAM.

"LOOK TO THE SENATE."—It is scarcely necessary to direct the reader's attention to the brief but significant speeches of Messrs. Webster, Allen, and Clayton, which will be found in our columns. Mr. Webster's speech is said to have been delivered with remarkable emphasis, almost amounting to solemnity, and to have made a corresponding impression on the Senate and the numerous audience.

A very remarkable speech of Mr. Benton, delivered two days afterwards, will be found immediately following the above debate.

HOW GOES THE BATTLE?—In our last we gave our readers such views as we then had of the state of the contest between Messrs. Leak and Shepard, the rival candidates for Governor—for we imagine that theirs will be the only rivalry in this campaign. But it appears that we were mistaken in one particular: The Mecklenburg Jeffersonian, which we classed as friendly to Mr. Leak, has hauled down his name, and put up that of Mr. Shepard! The change is apparently made with great reluctance, and only for consistency's sake. The following is the Jeffersonian's only article on the subject, in which the reason is given; and it will be observed that there is not one word of commendation of Shepard! This is cold comfort for the selected champion of Locofocism.

FROM THE JEFFERSONIAN.

"The Governorship."—It would seem that *all* the fates have conspired to annoy some of us Democrats in the selection of a candidate for Governor. At the first start, Mr. Fisher was the undivided choice of our party. At the critical point, he was forced to decline. Next, our own townsman, the Hon. G. W. Caldwell, was unanimously nominated by the State Democratic Convention. He was also compelled to decline. Next, Walter F. Leak, Esq. was started, and had hardly got into the field, to our knowledge, before James B. Shepard, of Raleigh, was announced as a candidate by the Democratic State Central Committee. We hope this ends our trials on this subject, and that inasmuch as "a *bad beginning* makes a *good ending*," we shall next August see Mr. Shepard triumphantly elected Governor. As we were among those who invited and urged the Central Committee to act in this matter, we shall take down the name of Mr. Leak, and run up that of Mr. Shepard as our candidate."

We beg leave to suggest to the Jeffersonian, that if it was a "bad beginning" to nominate Fisher and Caldwell, it is a *worse ending* to take Shepard.

The Jeffersonian, like the Standard, does not publish Mr. Leak's Address, nor even allude to it, though a copy was expressly sent to it. This way of *dodging* an unpleasant matter has long been practised towards Whigs, but we did suppose that the leaders of their own party could claim an exemption from such injustice, in all the gross slanders and misrepresentations propagated against us, by the Locofoco press of this State, we believe that never in a single instance could we prevail upon the slanderer to admit the truth into his columns. Mr. Leak, who has been a most liberal patron of his party papers, making unusual efforts to extend their circulation, had a right to expect more liberality, or gratitude, or justice, in return. But he should have reflected, that they who were guilty of foul play towards an opponent, only required the occasion to present itself, to be equally false to a friend.

P. S. The Jeffersonian has since published the Address, but regrets that it was ever written. The Standard has not.

Mr. Leak addressed the people at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday of last week, being Superior Court week, and left on Wednesday for Wayne county. We understand that in Bladen his party all go for him against Shepard.

UNDIGNIFIED LEGISLATION.—The late Legislature of Virginia passed an act directing a sale of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road, and the incorporation of the purchasers thereof, by the name of the "Sea-Board and Roanoke Rail Road."—The act directs the sale of all the estate, &c., wheresoever situated, "together with all the franchises, privileges, and immunities, belonging or appertaining to the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company, as well in Virginia *as in North Carolina*," and confers upon the purchasers "all the franchises, rights, privileges, and immunities, granted to and conferred upon it at any time heretofore by this State *and the State of North Carolina*."

After thus *modestly* conferring chartered privileges within the State of North Carolina, the act contains the following extraordinary provisions:—

"*Be it further enacted*, That if, at the sale of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company, or any time thereafter, the State of North Carolina, or any company incorporated in said State for purposes of internal improvement, shall become the owner, either directly, or by Agent, or otherwise, of the said Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road, hereby authorised to be sold, or of the said Sea Board and Roanoke Rail Road, the General Assembly of Virginia hereby reserves the right by special act of Legislature or otherwise to revoke all the powers, privileges and immunities to be conveyed by the sale of said road, and to declare the same null and void.

"*Be it further enacted*, That in case the authorities of the State of North Carolina shall at any time by legal process or otherwise deprive the Petersburg Railroad company of any of the privileges and advantages of its charter obtained from that State, by an act heretofore done, or omitted to be done by the said Petersburg Railroad company, or by any means whatsoever prevent the aforesaid Petersburg Railroad Company from conducting their operations on so much of their railroad as lies within the State of North Carolina or any part thereof, by reason of an act heretofore done or omitted to be done by the Petersburg railroad company, then all the rights, privileges and immunities hereby granted to the aforesaid Sea-Board and Roanoke railroad company shall cease and be determined, until the State of North Carolina shall reinstate the Petersburg rail road company in all the privileges granted them in the several acts passed for their benefit by the said State, or until the Legislature of Virginia shall otherwise direct."

We do not know what it was that induced the Legislature of Virginia thus needlessly to *disgrace itself* by the passage of such an act;—needlessly, we say, for it could scarcely have entered into the head of the most long-eared animal in that body, that either the State of North Carolina, or any company in it, would think of purchasing a Rail Road nearly all of which lies in Virginia; nor yet that the "legal process" of "the authorities of the State of North Carolina" would be paralyzed, and the Petersburg Rail Road Company be converted into a perfectly irresponsible body, not to be called to account for "any act heretofore done or omitted to be done," —by the awful threat held over our heads *in terrorem*, of suspending the rights of the new Sea Board Company, until the State of North Carolina shall *cave in*, by reinstating the Petersburg Company!!

Will somebody enlighten us as to what all this means, if it means any thing? We want to feel affronted at somebody, for what appears to be meant as an insult to our good old State; but really as the thing stands, we don't know whom to quarrel with. The Legislature of Virginia has evidently made too great a fool of itself for any one to feel angry with it.

RAIL ROAD FROM RALEIGH TO COLUMBIA.—Several communications on this subject have appeared in the National Intelligencer lately, which we did not copy, because, though favorable to the object, they were objectionable to a North Carolinian. The following is free from such objection, and presents matter for serious consideration:—

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

SOUTHERN ROUTE.

Through the columns of the Intelligencer I wish to call the attention of the public to the route by the capital of North Carolina, through Fayetteville, Cheraw, and Camden to Columbia, and thence to Augusta, south. A railway extends to Raleigh, and we desire this road shall be continued along the route indicated above. To the companies north of Raleigh and to those south of Columbia, the completion of the railway between these points is a matter of primary importance. To the Government it is no less so—first, because it will secure the most certain and prompt transportation of the mail, for all time; and, secondly, because it will secure greater safety and security. The failures on the lower route are many, and the great Southern and Northern mails are every night in the year exposed on the ocean. Suppose war were to take place with England, or any other Power, would the Postmaster General think of continuing the mail by way of Wilmington to Charleston by water? Now, it this is a matter of such importance to the Government, why could not a plan of the following kind be adopted: Suppose it now to cost the Government for the daily transportation of the mail from Raleigh to Fayetteville the sum of $10,000 per year, let the Government say to a company we will issue to you our scrip for $200,000, payable in thirty years, at the rate of five per cent, if you will agree to build this railway and secure to us the transportation of the mail daily for thirty years, and also the transportation of all the stores of the Government, in case of war, and of all persons connected with the Government. With such a proposal we doubt not the road would be forthwith completed. The Government has at Fayetteville an arsenal, intended to be one of construction. So far as it has progressed, there is said to be no blending of the kind in the country superior to it, and as far as a comparison has been made or can be made, the comport on of the buildings and making it a great arsenal of construction for the South would be accomplished at a great saving to the Government. There can be no doubt that such a road would be, if the line can be continued through to New Orleans, the great travel line, and become the great internal highway, as it should be, passing through the capitals of the Atlantic States. In case of war, in case of civil commotion, in the event of any great movement which must be important to the power of a State or the States should be exerted, where would you look but to the Executive officer of the State at her capital, her heart?

I might urge this matter by other reasons, and draw this article out longer, but you can do so much better, if you think well of the scheme, and, with the collected wisdom of the nation at Washington, if any thing can be done, I hope it will be done.

Copy of a Letter from a distinguished citizen of Georgia, connected with the Georgia State Rail Road, to a gentleman of North Carolina.

AUGUSTA, March 11, 1846.

Dear Sir: Since the extension of the Georgia State Road to Oathlaloga, near New Echota, a very heavy travel is beginning to set in from the Valley of the Mississippi, going North. This has greatly increased the interest felt in this quarter, to have the connection made by Fayetteville and Raleigh. I am requested to inquire whether there is any early prospect of the Road being commenced between Raleigh and Fayetteville. You are apprised, that the work is in progress from Gadsden to Camden.

Will you be good enough to answer the question, and state when the charter expires, if one exists from Raleigh to Fayetteville. This Road, from Raleigh to Fayetteville, would be a good Road and profitable, whether the line should be completed or not. But if the Road from Gadsden to Camden, and this line Raleigh to Fayetteville, were completed, the intervening distance would be so much reduced, that an early completion of the entire Road would soon follow.

Yours, &c.

RECOVERY OF MR. FOSTER.—Mr. Foster, whom we mentioned in our last as having disappeared in a state of mental derangement, was found in the woods on Friday last, in a state of great exhaustion from want of food and the effects of a wound which he is supposed to have inflicted on himself. He had been absent six days, probably without any food during all that time. His mind is restored, and it is hoped that he will recover from the wound.

The trial of Thomas Ritchie, Jr. for the murder of John Hampden Pleasants, is going on at Chesterfield Court House, Va. Ritchie is defended by ex-Minister Andrew Stevenson, ex-Speaker John W. Jones, and Samuel Taylor. The prosecution by R. W. Flournoy.

MORE M. D's.—At the Annual Commencement of the University of Pennsylvania, 168 gentlemen received the Degree of M. D., of whom the following were from North Carolina:—

Wistar Blount, Wm. A. Check, Gaston D. Cobb, D. H. Crisp, Isaac F. Dortch, John R. Eborn, Wm. S. Jacobs, Robt. H. Marriott, Bartlett Y. McNairy, Moses G. Pierce, Robt. A. Sanders, Wm. L. Shoemaker, Wesley Swift, Benj. L. White.

CONGRESS.

In the SENATE, on Monday the 30th, Mr. Sam Houston, Senator elect from the State of Texas, appeared, and, his credentials being read, was duly qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Speight, it was

Resolved, That the Senate proceed to classify the Senators from Texas in their respective classes of service, in the usual mode prescribed.

Whereupon three ballots were placed in the ballot-box, and Mr. Houston drew No. 1, which assigned him to the class of Senators whose terms expire in 1847; and Mr. Rusk drew No. 3, placing him in the class of Senators whose terms expire in 1851.

The important debate then occurred which will be found entire in the preceding page of the Observer.

Mr. Barrow of Lou. spoke on the question of notice.

On Tuesday, Mr. Cass spoke for nearly three hours in support of 54 40—an unqualified notice—the passage of the Oregon measures—and of the no distant expulsion of England's power from all of North America.

On Wednesday, the speech of Mr. Benton (noticed elsewhere,) was the only incident of importance.

On Thursday, Mr. Cass replied at length to Mr. Benton.

On Friday, Mr. Ashley, of Arkansas, spoke in favor of the notice and of the whole of Oregon.

The answer of the President to the call made on motion of Mr. Webster, for the documents connected with the Ashburton Treaty, was received, and Mr. Webster declared his intention, on Monday, to defend himself, and that Treaty, from attacks made upon it in the Senate.

On Saturday, Mr. McDuffie spoke at length in favor of the basis of 49° in accordance with the terms offered in 1818, and on subsequent occasions; said the only alternative was such a settlement, or war. He would vote for the notice, in such a form as would render it subservient to that adjustment. He contended that, for agricultural purposes, Oregon is not worth a fig!

In the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, on Monday, the bill appropriating $1,479,807 to supply deficiences in various appropriations for the present fiscal year, was further debated, and passed, 108 to 38.

The House then took up the Sub-Treasury Bill, and a number of speeches were delivered on it.

On Tuesday, the House agreed to meet hereafter at 11 o'clock, instead of 12, as heretofore.

A resolution was adopted, to close the debate on the Sub-Treasury Bill on Thursday at 1 o'clock.

The House then took up the bill, and several speeches were made, until the number of members present had been gradually reduced to about 20, when a motion to adjourn prevailed.

On Wednesday, the bill was further debated.

On Thursday, the bill was again discussed till 1 o'clock, when debate was closed by resolution. Many amendments were offered, among them one by Mr. Graham of N. C. requiring that the sureties on the bonds of the Sub-Treasurers should be owners of unincumbered real estate to the amount of the bonds, and that the bonds should create a lien upon such estate. This was *adopted*, 73 to 67, but on the pretext of an error in the count, the vote was taken again, and it was *rejected*, 81 to 64. The bill was finally passed, 123 votes to 67, and sent to the Senate. It requires all payments to or from the Government, to be made in gold or silver, from and after the 30th of June next.—[The Yeas and Nays show, we believe, a strict party vote, and of course, therefore, Messrs. Biggs, Clarke, Dobbin, Daniel, McKay, and Reid, voted for the bill; and Messrs. Barringer, Dockery, and Graham against it.]

On Friday, the whole day was devoted to a bill appropriating $400,000 for the continuation of the Cumberland Road in the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

On Saturday, private bills.

A TERRIBLE FIGHT.—Our readers are aware that the Locofocos of New York State are divided into two factions, calling themselves "Old Hunkers" and "Barnburners," and that a bitter feeling has gradually arisen between them, producing far more of hostility than exists between the Whigs and Locofocos. The Albany Argus, which belongs to the Old Hunker faction, gives an account, headed *"Infamous Outrage and Ruffian Atrocity,"* of the attempt to hold a County Convention within 12 miles of that City, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Legislature. It says that "Bullies and ruffians" were present in great numbers, who "prevented the ingress and egress of delegates, except such as were to the taste of the conductors," and adds,—

"Mr. James R. Rose was struck and knocked down, by Edward Brinkerhoff, a member of the general Committee; * * Gray-haired men were knocked down with clubs, and with broken pieces of furniture, (the chairs, tables, stovepipe, &c., were smashed by the assailants,) others were kicked and stamped upon, and others were struck and wounded in the head and face, and cut by a small spring blade attached to a ring on the finger—and the ruffians were armed in other respects, a sheath dagger and a pistol having been picked up after the affray. Of course every man's life was in the hands of these brutal and unprovoked assailants, there being no egress from the room, except through the door, which a portion of them surrounded. Lawrence Van Dusen, an esteemed Democrat of Bern, a conceded delegate, elected by the unanimous vote of the town, was knocked down and stamped upon, and three of his teeth knocked out. He was greatly injured; and it was reported on Thursday night that he died of his wound. It was at least miraculous that he escaped with his life."

The Argus adds that among 'the *official* persons in attendance, 'not one' of whom 'attempted in any manner to restrain these outrages,' were John Van Buren, the Attorney General, A. J. Colvin, the new District Attorney, Judge Bramball, Canal Collector Southwick, and so on.

The 'Old Hunker' delegates, 'finding their persons and lives unsafe at the place at which they had called the meeting, adjourned to Gallup's United States Hotel,' in Albany, to the number of fifty-seven.

INCENDIARISM.—Great consternation was produced in three of the principal Hotels in New York last week, by attempts to burn them. On Sunday night the City Hotel was fired in the sixth story, but the flames were extinguished with little damage. On Monday night both the Astor and Howard were fired, the former in several rooms at once. The roof of the Astor was damaged to the amount of 8 or $10,000. The object was undoubtedly plunder.

The New Orleans Jeffersonian (Locofoco,) of the 23d inst. says:—"Mr. Clay, who has spent several months in this city, went up the river on Saturday afternoon, on the Alexander Scott. During his residence here he mingled freely with our citizens without distinction of party, was welcomed by all, and left with those benedictions and good wishes which should always attend a great statesman, who has rendered eminent services to his country."

The N. Y. Correspondent of the National Intelligencer says that the money market is becoming seriously *tight*, and commercial affairs assuming a gloomy aspect, though this is the season for activity. Large amounts of specie are shipping to foreign countries.

In Charleston, (S. C.) says he, there have already been more than a dozen failures: some of them heavy. One firm has stopped who it is said within three months have purchased goods in this city, Philadelphia, and Baltimore to an amount not less than *two hundred* (possibly *three hundred*) *thousand dollars*.

THE SUB-TREASURY BILL.

This odious measure was taken up in the House of Representatives on Monday last, and, by the application of the legislative screw, the discussion was brought to a close yesterday, and the bill passed by a majority exceeding fifty votes. This is a bold step of the dominant party in Congress, after the emphatic manner in which the scheme was denounced and repudiated by the voice of the country in 1840. One currency for the Government and another for the People is a system obnoxious to our free institutions, repugnant to public sentiment, and will never be tolerated in a free country. If we are permitted to augur the future from the past, public indignation will pronounce upon it and its authors a final doom in 1848.—*National Intelligencer.*

The Campaign.—The "Standard" speaks in raptures, as in duty bound to do, of Mr. Shepard's speeches at Franklinton and Henderson. Amongst other things, it is stated that "he mentioned his opponent with much respect and expressed a wish to have him present."

If Mr. Leak be intended by "his opponent," we have nothing to reply; but if Gov. Graham is meant, then we say, on the authority of a better "Democrat" than the Editor of the "Standard," (for he has never changed his political coat,) that the statement is erroneous. At Franklinton, he spoke most discourteously of the Governor, and, amongst other pitiful charges, arraigned him for giving the price he did for the Rail Road, when he might, *possibly*, have bought it for $1,000! When he had finished, a political friend took him aside, and told him, that he had played the very d—l with Democracy—that every body, thereabouts, was in favor of the Rail Road, and that he had better drop such chat in that region. Accordingly, the next day, at Henderson, Mr. Shepard was as silent as death, about the Rail Road!

This same "veteran Democrat" (*ride* the "Standard,") informs us, that Gov. Graham will beat the "allied powers" three, it not four, to one, in Granville County, where there has been always a cross and pile chance.—*Raleigh Register.*

Walter F. Leak, Esq.—We understood, that the Editor of the "Standard" intended to excommunicate Mr. Leak from the Democratic fold this week, but he generously spares him yet a little space for repentance. "We would again" saith the "Standard," in the "kindest and most respectful spirit, call upon him, by his regard for his own reputation, and for the welfare of the party, to *withdraw from the field*. No good can come of the course he is pursuing."

If Mr. Leak proves insensible to such an appeal as this, then we shall set him down as incorrigible indeed.—*Ib.*

Foul play.—The "Standard," as we predicted, refuses to publish Mr. Leak's Circular. What right has it, professing to be the organ of "Democracy," to refuse to publish a communication from a prominent and highly respectable member of his party, who bore the heat and burden of the day, when the Editor himself was in his swaddling clothes. To say nothing of the injustice manifested towards Mr. Leak, the refusal is decidedly impolitic; because, the people will read it elsewhere, and will be apt to conclude, and justly too, that it was the home truths which it contained, that caused its suppression.—*Ib.*

Let the Whigs be cautious in interfering with the fight between the two Democratic candidates for Governor and their followers. It is a family affair—like a "scrimmage" between man and wife, in which no one dare intermeddle without drawing upon his pate the concentrated wrath of both parties. An old acquaintance of ours, in Granville county, used to relate an incident in point, which he declared had drawn from him a vow never again to attempt to interfere in a family fight. In passing a house on the road, one day while pursuing his journey, his attention was arrested by a furious battle going on between a man and his wife. He hastened to the scene of action and attempted to part the combatants, when both of them turned fiercely upon *him*, and gave him one of the soundest drubbings he ever received. Let the Whigs be careful and watchful. Though they have greater strength *than both factions* put together, if they become listless and indifferent, or attempt any friendly interposition, they will expose themselves *hors du combat*, to a united attack from these their enemies, which may prove disastrous. Let them be armed and fortified at every point, as well in the contest for Governor as for the Legislature.—*Raleigh Star.*

Action.—Demosthenes and Daniel Webster agree in attributing eloquence to action. Both proved their theory true, by their action. A clergyman we have read of, did the same thing more demonstrably. —His wife has just been buried and he was closing the service over her grave. Stretching forth his hand and pointing towards the grave, he said; 'there the wicked cease from troubling:' and then placing his hand on his breast, continued 'and the weary are at rest.

YET ANOTHER.

From the Susquehanna Register.

Although the public have been often imposed upon by patent medicines, yet occasionally a really useful and beneficial medicine is despised, neglected, merely because "found in bad company." I am led to these remarks by a conversation with a friend a few days since. She had been afflicted for several years with a disease of the heart, which had apparently brought her near the grave. One of our most skilful physicians was called, who pronounced her disease incurable. An advertisement of Dr. Jayne's Expectorant in the Register, caught the eye of her friends, and a bottle of it was immediately procured at Bentley & Michell's in Montrose. Before she had taken it two days, there was an apparent improvement. She has not taken two bottles as yet, but her health has been nearly restored.

I have no personal motive for recommending this medicine, but merely state this fact, hoping that it may meet the eye of some who are laboring under similar diseases, that they may likewise partake of its benefits.

A FRIEND TO HUMANITY.

7th mo. 5th 1840.

For sale by S. J. HINSDALE.

April 6, 1846. 5-3w

MARRIED,

In Bladen county, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. Sampson D. Lowy, Capt. A. J. TROY to Miss MARIA J. SMITH, youngest daughter of Dr John Smith.

In Cumberland county, on Thursday the 19 ult., by Alfred Jackson, Esq., Mr. DANIEL WILLIS, of Bladen county, to Miss ANN WRIGHT, daughter of Bryan Wright, dec'd.

In Hayneville, Lowndes county, Alabama, on the 19th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Knapp, JOHN P. STREETY to Miss ANNA G., daughter of E. Marvin, Esq., all of that place.

DIED,

At the residence of the Hon. Henry Potter, in this vicinity, on Friday night last, ABNER NASH, infant son of the Rev. Frederick Nash, aged 3 months.

In this county, on the 19th ultimo, Miss ANN RUE, aged 40 years, daughter of John and Mary Buie, dec'd. She had been for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In Wilming on, on the 30th ult., of scarlet fever, LUCY JONES, aged 6 years and 7 months, daughter of Asa A. Brown, Ed tor of the Chronicle. Also, on the 18th ult., of scarlet fever, ANNA JANE, daughter of Archibald Black, in the 6th year of her age. Thus for the second time within about a fortnight have the parents been visited with the severest of afflictions. They lost a son on the 3d ult. Also on the 22th ult., of scarlet fever, SIDNEY DEEMS, son of Mr. Wm. J. Love, Jr., aged 3 years and 5 months.

At Woodland, Brunswick county, on the 26th ult., Mr. JONATHAN ROTHWELL, aged 71.

In Hillsborough, on the 25th ult., Mrs. ROSANNAH FAUCETT, wife of Mr. Thomas Faucett, aged about 42 years.

At Detroit, Michigan, on the 11th of March, in the 37th year of his age, Lieut. EDWIN R. LONG, of the United States Army, son of the Hon. John Long, of Randolph county, N. C. Lieutenant Long entered the regular service immediately after he had passed through the course of study prescribed at the Military Academy, West Point, and continued in the army until his decease. He had taken the degree of M. D., and was making arrangements to locate himself in Cincinnati, Ohio, there to engage in the practice of medicine. But it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps; he has been called away in the prime of life, leaving a widow and three orphan children to mourn his loss. Lieut. Long was a striking exemplification of the fact that the soldier and the christian are altogether compatible. Whilst he faithfully served his country, he at the same time sat as a disciple at the feet of the meek and lowly Jesus. It must be an unspeakable consolation to his numerous friends and acquaintances to know, that as he had lived, so he died, *a christian soldier.*

Hillsborough Recorder.

In Mecklenburg county, on the 13th ult., Mr. JOHN MORRISON, in the 78th year of his age.

In Cabarrus county, on the 15th ult., Mrs. ESTHER PHIFER, relict of Mr. John Phifer, in the 62d year of her age.

In Salisbury, on the 21st ult., Mr. DANIEL H. CRESS, a native of Pennsylvania, but for many years a merchant of Salisbury, in the 44th year of his age.

FAYETTEVILLE MARKET—APRIL 7

Brandy, peach,	1 00	Iron,	4½ a 5
Ditto, apple,	45 a 55	Molasses,	24 a 28
Bacon,	8 a 9	Oats,	40 a 45
Coffee,	8 a 10	Nails, cut,	5½
Cotton,	6¼ a 7	Sugar, brn.	8 a 10
Corn,	75 a 80	Salt, bu.,	45 a 50
Candles, E. F.,	13 a 15	Ditto, sack,	$1 12½ a 2
Flour,	4½ a 5¼	Wheat,	90 a 95
Feathers,	26 a 28	Whiskey,	40 a 42
Pork,	5 a 5½	Beeswax,	27 a 28
Peas,	60 a 70	Rags	1½ a 2

REMARKS.—Receipts of Cotton continue light; principal sales at 7. Flour, a fair supply coming in, sells at 4½ to 5¼. Bacon 8½ to 9. Corn 75 to 80. Oats 40 to 45. Sales of new virgin dip Turpentine at $3 50.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

Turpentine, soft 3 50, hard 1 80. A few bbls. new virgin dip sold for 4 00. Tar 1 52. Lumber and Timber extremely dull, supply large, no change in prices. White Oak bbl. Staves 15 00 per M. Nothing doing in Red Oak Hhd. Staves. Shingles have fallen to 1 25 to 1 50. Bacon, hog round, fair quality, 7½, at which a sale of 6000 lbs. A cargo of Corn selling at 65. Sales of Fayetteville Flour at $5, 5 25, and 5 50. Lime, from store, 1 37½. Molasses 20. No. 3 Mackerel $1 to 1 10.

CHERAW MARKET—March 31.

Bagging 18 to 20. Bale Rope 8 to 10. Bacon 9 to 10. Beeswax 22 to 24. Cotton 6¼ to 8. Coffee 8 to 10. Corn 80 to 1 00. Flour 5 50 to 6 00. Feathers 25 to 32. Iron 5 to 6 50. Molasses 45 to 50. Nails, cut, 6 to 6½. Sugar, brown, 8 to 10; Loaf 15 to 17. Salt, sack, 1 62½ to 1 75.

At Charleston, Cotton 6½ to 8¼—a rise. N. C. Corn 70 to 75. Oats 47. Flour 5¼ to 5¾.

At New York, Cotton firm. Uplands 7 to 9. Flour 5 12 to 5 13. Corn 67 to 69.

Total receipts of Cotton, 1,572,623 bales, against 1,950,382 last year.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

ARRIVED, on the 28th, Steamer Wm. B. Meares, with goods for J D Williams, Murchison, Reid & Co, H L Myrover & Co, G & H McMillan, H & E J Lilly, T S Lutterloh, D & W McLaurin, W G Matthews, J H & J Martine, E W Willkings, W Draughon, Gardner & McKethan, H Branson, and J Waddill, Jr. of this place; and for J Worth & Co, J A Worth, W Clark, S Perry, N Kendall, R A King, E & W Smith, M D Smith, McAdoo, Scott & Co, and Scott & McAdoo, of the interior.

Also, April 5, Steamer Henrietta, with Goods for J D Starr, Cook & Troy, J D Williams, C T Haigh & Son, S Mims, H Branson, F D Breece, Rockfish Co, J Waddill, Jr, S T Hawley, R M Orrell, E C Hall & Co, Gardner & McKethan, and C P Mallett, of this place; and for W Welsh, E Wright, A Brower, W Winkle, Z Cofer, M Watson, Rankin & McLean, N Hunt, D Fold, F J Swann, J J & A C Blum, T Zeverly, W J Parham, T Jackson, C Hargrave, M Autry, A D McLean, W P Hall, W J McConnell, Holt & Carrigan, W Roper & Co, T C Pfohl, and C Phillips, of the interior.

PORT OF WILMINGTON.

ARRIVALS.

March 28.—Brig Teazer from St. Thomas. 30.—Schrs. R. W. Brown from New York. North Carolina from Barbadoes. Welcome from New Orleans. 31.—Schrs. A. R. Thompson from Philadelphia. Papen from New York. April 3.—Brig Electro from New York.

WM. D. SMITH,

General Commission & Forwarding Merchant,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

April 1, 1846. 5-tf

I. O. O. F.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be held in Wilmington, on the second Tuesday (12th) of May next.

Subordinate Lodges may send up their Reports and Dues by the hands of their Representatives.

J. B. NEWBY, Grand Sec'y.

Fayetteville, April 7, 1846. 5-3ws

☞ The Raleigh Register, Newbernian, and Norfolk Herald, will give the above three weekly insertions, and forward accounts to Junius D. Gardner, Gr. Treas'r, Wilmington, N. C.

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JOHN D. STARR.

April 6, 1846. 5-6w

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having withdrawn from the concern of Smith & Gause, he takes pleasure in informing his friends and old customers, that he will continue at the same stand, and do a Commission and Grocery Business.

WM. D. SMITH.

Wilmington, March 31. 5-6w

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having bought out SMITH & GAUSE, offers for sale at the same Old Stand,

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40 do. Rio do.

25 do. St. Domingo do; 14 do. Java do.

3 hhds. P. R. Sugar, 2 do. N. O. do.

10 bbls. N. O. do., 5 do. Muscovado do.

Crushed, Pulverised and Loaf Sugar,

Tea in Chests and Caties,

15 hhds. Molasses,

Half doz kegs Tobacco,

Mrs. E. B. Miller's Snuff,

6 boxes Sperm Candles,

8 do. Adamantine do.

W. Hall & Sons patent Mould Candles,

10 boxes No. 1 Bar Soap,

4 do. Extra do.

50 bags assorted Shot, 6 kegs Powder,

Bar Lead,

A full assortment of narrow & wide Iron,

50 kegs cut Nails,

4 boxes Hartford Collins' Axes,

2 do. Bradley's do.

6 doz. assorted Hoes,

And many other things in the Grocery line, all of which he offers at reasonable prices, and shall be glad to see old friends and customers call in, and give him a trial. He also does a General Commission and Forwarding Business.

WM. D. SMITH.

Wilmington, April 2. 5-6w

NOTICE

THE subscriber has appointed FRANCIS A. TERRY, Esq. of Rockingham, his lawful Attorney, to collect all debts due him, and settle all his business.

WM. R. VAUGHA

Daniel Webster (the Newburyport Herald is our authority for the anecdote,) after his return from Europe, asked a friend to guess whose were the American names better and more universally known and admired in England than any other American names put together. His friend answered Washington and Chief Justice Marshall. No, said Mr. Webster, I mean living persons, and they are Judge Story and Peter Parley; for while the former is known to every lawyer in England, and generally among the educated classes, the latter has entire possession of the young heirs of old England—that wherever he went into an English family, and the children were brought in and presented to him as Mr. Webster, an *American* gentleman, they would be sure, with scarcely a single exception, to approach him, and looking him in the face, with the utmost anxiety expressed in theirs, would say, do *you* know "Peter Parley?"

SPITTING IN TEXAS.—A Mr. Owen, of Arkansas, publishes a letter in the Arkansas Gazette, expressing his great thankfulness at getting back from Texas, which he says is more overrated than any country he ever saw. Hadrich's world return, if they could, and would much have no business there.

A SAFE PLACE.—A writer in the N. Y. Express states on the authority of the Historical Collections of Pennsylvania, that when the French had possession of the Valley of the Ohio a treaty was made between the Delawares and Six Nations, on the Valley of Wyoming. The chiefs and warriors of each tribe were ordered and seated on the Wyoming side, while the treaty was being made between them, conducted by interpreters. When the treaty was concluded and signed by the parties, the pipes of the Indians were lighted. When the warriors were ordered to the ground—each tribe on the Wyoming side was defeated, and the Six Nations were victorious. Every warrior on the Wyoming side was killed. Not one escaped to tell the tale. When the warriors were ordered to the ground—each tribe on the Wyoming side was defeated, and the Six Nations were victorious. Every warrior on the Wyoming side was killed. Not one escaped to tell the tale.

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[MUTUAL.]
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